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In re the Application of:

Atsuko OHARA et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2623

Confirmation No. 7139

Filed: October 1, 1999

Examiner: Dastouri, Mehrdad

For: DEVICE PROCESSING A TABLE IMAGE, A MEMORY MEDIUM STORING A
PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND A TABLE MANAGEMENT PROCESSING METHOD

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on February 8, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the date for response to March 10, 2003 (March 8, 2003 being a Saturday). Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by March 10, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1, 10-15, 23, and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please REPLACE claims 2-9, 16-22, 24-27, and 29-36 and ADD new claim 37 in
accordance with the following:

2. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A table image processing device comprising:
means for inputting an image comprising a sheet image including ruled lines;
means for extracting a line by extracting a longitudinal line and a lateral line from the
input image;

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